TWICE A WEEK

RAT PORTAGE MINER

TUESDAY and FRIDAY

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BILL BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Copy of the Bill Confirming the Assessment and Collector's Roll.

Following is a copy of the act respecting the town of Rat Portage now before the legislature for the purpose of validating return of unpaid taxes and confirming of assessment and collector's roll:

"Whereas the treasurer of the municipality of the Town of Rat Portage omitted to furnish the clerk of the municipality with statements of unpaid taxes directed in the collector's rolls to be collected for the years 1894 to 1900 inclusive as required by section 152 of The Assessment Act; and whereas such statements for said years were not furnished until the 11th day of February, A. D. 1901; and whereas the said treasurer has furnished to the mayor of the said municipality of the Town of Rat Portage a list of the lands liable to be levied upon by sale for taxes as required by sections 173 and 224 of The Assessment Act, but doubts have arisen as to the power to sell the lands upon which the taxes have not been paid for the years 1894 to 1900 inclusive; and whereas doubts have arisen as to the validity of the several assessment and collectors' rolls of the said municipality of the Town of Rat Portage for the said several years; and whereas the corporation of the said Town of Rat Portage has by petition prayed for the passing of an Act to legalize, confirm and validate the several assessment and collectors' rolls of the town of Rat Portage for the years 1894 and 1900 inclusive and to legalize and confirm the return of the several statements of unpaid taxes for the said several years as required by section 152 of The Assessment Act and to enable the treasurer of the said Town of Rat Portage to sell for unpaid taxes for any of the said several years the lands liable for the same and whereas no objection thereto has been made on the part of any ratepayer of the said municipality; and whereas it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petitioner.

Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows;—

1. The returns of statements of unpaid taxes furnished by the treasurer of the municipality of the Town of Rat Portage to the clerk of the said municipality on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1901, for the years 1894 to 1900 inclusive are hereby declared to be legal, valid and binding upon all parties, but to the same extent and effect only as if made on the days and times required by section 152 of the Assessment Act.

2. All assessment and collectors' rolls of the said Town of Rat Portage finally passed for the years 1894 to 1900 inclusive are hereby confirmed and validated, but nothing in this or the preceding section shall affect any action or proceeding now pending.

Aguinaldo a Prisoner.

Manila, March 28.—Gen. Funston's daring project for the capture of Aguinaldo in his hiding place in the province of Isabella, Island of Luzon has proved completely successful. Aguinaldo was captured there March 23. The U. S. gunboat Vicksburg, Commander E. B. Barry, with Gen. Funston and Aguinaldo on board, arrived here this morning.

The Doukhobors don't like our land and marriage laws, and they also have a prejudice against the registeration of births, marriages and deaths. Certain scruples of conscience are given as the reason. They are now looking for a country where they may enjoy freedom in their beliefs. We would suggest that they go to the north pole. No person, will worry them there regarding such matters for some time to come.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL REPORT

Standing of the Pupils in the Various Forms for Term Ending March 30th.

The following High School report contains the names of the three pupils who have obtained the highest percentage in the various subjects, during the term ending March 30th. Names are in order of merit:

FORM IV.

Latin—L. Moor, W. Baker, K. McQuarrie.

French—L. Moor, W. Baker, K. McQuarrie.

English Grammar—W. Baker, L. Moor, K. McQuarrie.

English Literature—L. Moor, W. Baker, K. McQuarrie.

English Composition—L. Moor, W. Baker, K. McQuarrie.

Ancient History—L. Moor, W. Baker, K. McQuarrie.

Algebra—L. Moor and K. McQuarrie, eq.; W. Baker.

Arithmetic—K. McQuarrie, L. Moor, W. Baker.

Physics—L. Moor, K. McQuarrie, W. Baker.

Geometry—L. Moor, K. McQuarrie, W. Baker.

FORM III.

Latin—R. Weidman, S. Scovil, W. Chapple and C. Bunn eq.

French (optional)—W. Chapple, S. Scovil, G. McMurdie.

German (optional)—R. Weidman, W. Chapple, G. Campbell.

English Literature—S. Scovil, D. Campbell, C. Bunn.

English Composition—W. Chapple, S. Scovil, C. Bunn and G. McMurdie, eq.

Ancient History—S. Scovil, R. Weidman, D. Campbell.

Algebra—W. Chapple and S. Scovil, eq.; E. Mitchell, C. Bunn and R. Weidman, eq.

Geometry—D. Campbell and S. Scovil, eq.; W. Chapple, R. Weidman and G. McMurdie and E. Mitchell, eq.

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Physics (optional)—E. Mitchell, R. Weidman and G. McMurdie, eq.; G Campbell.

English Grammar (optional)—R. Weidman, G. McMurdie, G. Campbell.

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English History—F. Marshall, R

parture, but in a letter received there the keys and combination of the safe were left.

Investigation was at once made by the manager and he discovered that $500 had been taken. Shortly after four o'clock it was learned that Spalding had been driven to Austin and took the west-bound train. Mr. Nichols at once communicated with chief of police and as a result the alleged defaulter was arrested at Medicine Hat on Tuesday. Constable Downey, of Gladstone, is now at Regina and will bring him back for his preliminary trial which will likely take place to-morrow. Much sympathy is expressed for Mr. Spalding as he was very popular here. It is currently reported in town that he took the money for speculation and lost, which brought about this rash act.

TOURISTS ARE VICTORIOUS

Defeat the Stay-at-homes After a Hard Fought Battle.

The hockey match last Wednesday night between the Tourists and the Stay-at-homes was one of the best of the season. It was good, fast, clean intermediate hockey from start to finish and the two teams were well matched. The Stay-at-homes put up a strong game and were only defeated by the narrow margin of one goal. The score, 3 to 2, indicates that the forward line was pretty closely checked and was unable to make any large tally.

The teams lined up as follows:

Stay-at-homes.—Goal, Rose; Point, Pender; C. Point, T. Bellefeuille; Forwards, Hooper, McGimsie, Beaudro and W. Bellefeuille.

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FEARS A GLUT OF GOLD

Professor Thinks Price of Gold will Depreciate owing to Immense Production.

The extraordinary increase in the production of gold in modern times has given rise to the question, Is gold's supremacy as a standard of value in danger? Professor N.S. Shaler, who holds the chair of geology in Harvard University, predicted that within the next 30 years there will be an influx of gold such as the world before has never known. If, as a result of this big production, the price of gold should depreciate, which is possible, the professor holds that another metal must be looked for as a token of international value. He believes the substitute will be silver, because it is not found like gold in alluvial plains and is more difficult to mine.

Excepting iron, gold is the most generally diffused of all metals. Of course it does not occur everywhere in paying quantities; that happens only in spots. But the new systems of mining in modern times have broadened the productive gold field of the earth immensely. During the past half century the world's output of gold has become, in consequence, more than twice what the three and one-half centuries immediately preceding produced. During the years from 1851 to 1899 the world's gold product amounted to $6,665,631,000; from 1501 to 1850 it aggregated $3,129,720,000. The ratio increased wonderfully during the four years ending January 1, 1900, when $1,043,491,000 was added to the world's store of the precious metal. Thus, in four years, nearly one-sixth the total production of the last half of the nineteenth century was obtained. This extraordinary development was due to the discovery of new gold fields and improved methods of working adopted in the old ones. Cheap processes of extraction and reduction are working wonders, still further increasing the output and making new areas of auriferous ground available.

Professor Shaler estimates that the auriferous placers in the United States will yield $30,000,000,000 within the next 100 years. It is possible that the estimate is not excessive. If this output is reached the United States alone will have produced in one century three times as much as the total gold production of the world during the four centuries preceding it. Yet the United States is only one of the many gold-producing countries and

Sports and Morals.

A question which has come to be asked nowadays almost invariably with the expectation of a negative answer is "Can a man be a sport and yet retain his morals?" And to even the most careless observer it woud appear that the general state of affairs all over the world is such as to give most people an indisputable warrant for the assumption that few can be sports and remain what they once were.

It seems that in nine cases out of ten the tide of popularity and the flush and pride of success are too much for even some of the strongest, and slowly but surely they are led to indulgences and vices, which in earlier years by an anxious mother they were taught to shun and scorn. Continually in the company of sports and of necessity mixing with many who have no morals or principles whatever, some of the best are contaminated and wrecked.

And what do these receive in exchange for their manhood? An insolent swagger and a hang-dog countenance.

A man of this stamp may be a Trihey or a Bain, he may be famous as a sport over half a continent, but if he has thought of sports only he is a mere nothing, and the people who applaud him in the sporting arena would wish to have elsewhere no dealings with him whatever.

It would be well for these to remember that sports are sports and do not constitute an occupation, for as the present vice-president of the United States has said: "Sports are all right for recreation, but I have observed that they make a mighty poor business." The person who directs his full energy and zeal toward attaining perfection in them is bound to be confronted ere long with the alarming truth that there are more things in life than hockey, lacrosse and baseball. Time will teach him that. For the life of any man as a sport is only a brief season. A few shouts of praise, the flush of a few victories and then your brilliant hockeyist, your rapid pitcher, your dashing lacrosse player has dropped into the ranks of the old timers and stronger and younger men are shining where he used to shine. The flashing of a sun, the triumphs of a day, and then the shadows of the drooping night. Well for your sport then if he can fall back on something permanent! Well for him if he has lived in such a manner as to merit the respect of his fellow citizens by good and honorable living and faithful attention to a worthy and respectable occupation.

Death of James Gordon, Sr.

At the good old age of 81 years,

TAKING OF THE CENSUS.

Census Man Will Call on You Next Week—Give Him All Information.

J. A. McCrossan, census commissioner for West Algoma, is the busiest man in town just now. He is preparing and getting in shape all the papers and forms necessary for carrying on the work. E. A. Morton, of Fort William, is here assisting him. Mr. McCrossan will have three deputies associated with him in the work of ascertaining the number of people in this vast territory, their sex, social condition, race, religion and occupation. The deputies chosen are E. A. Morton, Fort William; H. J. Sissons, Fort Frances and T. Andrews, Port Arthur.

In addition there will be a corps of enumerators, those appointed for this section being as follows:

Keewatin, outside, A. McQuarrie.

Keewatin township, A. J. Holmes and J. H. Snider.

Rat Portage, outside, W. Roland.

Rat Portage, town, W. Walker, D. McMurphy, jr., R. Woods, sr., Gordon Hudson, S. C. McGimsie, P. Swanson, Norman, P. L'Heureux.

The enumerators will visit every house, and shall ascertain in detail all statistical information which he is required to obtain and no other. Refusals to answer inquiries, or who answer falsely, shall incur a penalty not exceeding $20 and not less than $5. Enumerators are bound not to reveal any of the information except to the authorities. The enumerators will commence their duties on Monday morning next.

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English History—F. Marshall, R. Beaudro and J. Sullivan, eq.; A. Nicholson.

Algebra—L. Phillips, G. Belyea, F. Marshall.

Geometry—R. Beaudro, J. Sullivan, F. Marshall.

Arithmetic—F. Marshall, J. Sullivan and M. Kouk, eq.; L. Phillips.

Physics—L. Phillips, J. Sullivan, R. Beaudro.

Latin—F. Marshall, R. Beaudro, L. Phillips.

Form I.

English Grammar, J. Greenwood, M. B. Macdonnell and B. McConnell, eq., Mr Fleming.

English Literature—M. Davies and B. McConnell and J. Lang, eq.; M. B. Macdonnell and T. Lang and M. Fleming and J. Greenwood, eq.; E. Belyea.

English Composition—M. Davies, T. Lang, J. Daly.

History—E. McMurchy, M. Davies, M. Fleming and M. B. Macdonnell, eq.

Geography—J. Daly, J. Greenwood, C. P. Johnston and B. McConnell, eq.

Book-keeping—M. B. Macdonnell, M. Fleming, M. Davies.

Drawing—P. Ratchford, J. Vestrup and L. Woods, eq.; M. B. Macdonnell.

Arithmetic—J. Lang, M. Davies, E. McMurchy.

Euclid—M. Davies, J. Greenwood and J. Daly, eq.; J. B. Ferguson and B. McConnell and R. Megrund, eq.

Algebra—M. B. Macdonnell and E. McMurchy, eq.; R. Megrund and J. Lang and B. McConnell and J. Greenwood, eq.; J. B. Ferguson.

Latin—R. Megrund, M. B. Macdonnell, J. B. Ferguson.

Bank Clerk Arrested.

Gladstone, March 27.—On Monday morning last the town was thrown into a state of excitement which has not yet subsided, when the report became current that Geo. B. Spalding, cashier of the Merchants Bank at Gladstone, had disappeared.

The manager, T. E. Nichols, opened up the bank in the morning, and after waiting for an hour commenced to make enquiries and found out that Spalding went out for a drive on Sunday afternoon, but the manager did not, until going to the post office at 9 o'clock, have any suspicion of his de-

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At half time the score was 2-2.

The second half opened with a rush in the Stay-at-homes' goal but Pender relieved and centre play followed. The puck was travelling from one end to the other and no scoring was done till within 5 minutes of time when Griffis made a splendid rush and from a shot from the wing scored the winning goal. The Stay-at-homes' forward line made many good rushes but were unable to score, and the game ended 3-2 in favor of the Tourists.

The players on both teams excelled themselves and all put up a splendid game. Phillips and Martin were good checks and Martin also lifted in grand fashion, and it is natural that Phillips lifted excellently. Dulmage was not called upon to stop many shots the last half but showed up well in the first. All the tourists' forward line played good individual games, Griffis and Fraser showing up to advantage. Griffis is beyond a doubt, equal to the best of Seniors and will possibly play as such next season. We cannot speak too highly of Charley and Campbell.

The Stay-at-homes played a determined game, and their opponents had to work for every goal they got, and our "Bobby" proved a grand barricade between the posts. Pender at point played his good game, never missing a chance to lift, shoot or check, and was always in his right place. Bellefeuille, although handicapped by having a poor stick, and not being at home in the rink, played a strong game. McGimsie, our lightning player, did his usual, rushing through the lines time and time again. Beaudro played a fine game, and was full of dash and vim from start to finish, always with the puck and ready to help the wing men, he makes an A1 rover, and can compete with any one of the intermediate team. W. Bellefeuille and Hooper played good combination on the wings.

Puckerings.

The game Wednesday night proved that there is good material for a second intermediate team here, and if all the players are in town next winter it is hoped two teams will be formed. The second team would be able at least to defeat a few out west and thus make sure of the championship coming to Rat Portage again.

A junior won the game for the Tourists.

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The late James Gordon was, in his earlier life, a man of good physique and retained his sprightliness almost till the time of his death. At the time of the Fenian trouble of 1866 he volunteered and saw some service. He only recently made application for medals the government is giving to the veterans of '66. The funeral takes place this afternoon.

Keeps on Working.

Holland, Mich., March 26.—T. R. Datman, switchman, who, it is reported, is soon to receive $1,000,000 as one of the heirs to an estate of $6,000,000 in Virginia, will continue to work in the railway yards here until next month, when the property will be divided.

The young man received the news of his good fortune from his mother, of St. Thomas, Canada. She, with a sister and a brother, are the nearest of kin to D. R. Kilne, an immensely wealthy gentleman of Virginia, who died a bachelor about one year ago. He left no will.

A Second Alarm.

A slight blaze in the Ottawa house called out the fire brigade a second time this afternoon. The fire was put out with a couple of pails of water.

A court martial was held in Winnipeg on Pte. Myers who deserted from the dragoons. The verdict has been forwaded to Ottawa.

Lord Kitchener has wired particulars of Babington's rout of the Boers north of Kaffi's Kraal and the pursuit and capture of a convoy.

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G. Henderson intends moving into the house until lately occupied by Mr. Bryant.

Miss Eva Large left Thursday morning for the west where she has gone to attend the marriage of a sister.

Miss McQuarrie was the leader of the Christian Endeavor society Tuesday evening. The subject "What I owe to Christ" was ably dealt with.

The rink on Camerons Bay which has been abandoned for some time is again being flooded by our enterprising skaters.

A Victim To Politics.

Toronto Telegram.—Canada has too few soldiers who are capable of getting good results out of an irregular force like the Strathcona Horse without losing the good-will of their men. Col. Steele's popularity with the men who followed him stamp him as the sort of officer Canada needs, and parliament should know it, if such a soldier has been the victim of Mr. Sifton's fondness for playing politics with the interests of the Northwest Mounted Police.

Capt. H. Camm, of Vermillion Bay, arrived in town this morning.

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OUR NEIGHBORS ARE GETTING NEW LIGHT.

The enthusiasm of our neighbors on behalf of the Nicaragua Canal has considerably abated. There are two sides to every story, and they are beginning to see the other side to the Nicaragua Canal project. A recent article in The London Saturday Review on the subject has opened the eyes of Uncle Sam. "If the United States," the Review urges, "is bent on constructing the Nicaragua Canal, united Europe may as well complete the Panama Canal, neutralize it and bring the States to reason." This logic appears to have the desired effect. The North American of Philadelphia, no longer sees the necessity for two canals across the isthmus. "Viewed from either the military or commercial standpoint," says the North American, "two canals would be disastrous to the United States' interests. If the United States should build the Nicaragua Canal and Europe should parallel it by completing the Panama Canal, we would inevitably be the heaviest losers. In time of war our navy would be called on to do double duty in watching the two routes, and the danger to our coast would be increased; and in time of peace the division of tolls between the two passages would make both unprofitable investments. If we are to dig a ship channel from the Atlantic to the Pacific every business, military and political consideration requires its absolute neutrality. The United States can afford to advance the money to build it because, for physical reasons, it has more to gain than any other nation. But for the same cause its desire for sole proprietorship should not blind it to the disadvantages of an all European opposition route a few hundred miles south. Before we undertake to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty it would be well the probable consequences of our act."—Toronto World.

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The road is rough and long,
But what are clouds and stony wa s
When hearts are full of song?
And two there be who walk life's path
Unheeding wind or weather,
And minding but your merry sprite
Who binds their hearts together.
All ways are smooth, all days are bright,
With him for guide and sun,
And three are always company,
If Love be one!

The road is smooth, the wind is soft,
The sky is clear o'erhead,
But what are pleasant ways and days
To those whose hearts are dead;
And what is song that fills the ears,
But can no farther go;
And what is light that eyes can see,
But souls can never know?
Ah, two there be that walk life's path
As though they walked alone,
For two are never company
If Love be gone!

—D. McIntyre Henderson in Harper's Magazine.

A CHINAMAN'S GRATITUDE.

Story of a Morphine Taker.

"Well, there's one good thing about a Chinaman, anyhow—he's grateful," reminiscently remarked a Washington man who put in a couple of cruises as an apothecary in the United States navy. "You may of late, in the great mass of rubbish that's been written about the slant eyes, have seen that fact disputed, but I just happen to know that a Chinaman's grateful. However, in order to make the point clear, I'll have to begin at the beginning. So here goes:

"When I was serving on board a cruiser on the Pacific station, I had as a shipmate a private marine named—ah, well, Tom Kingsley is near enough to it. Some of his people, of good station, are still living in Philadelphia, and this boy hurt them enough, so we'll just make it Tom Kingsley. Kingsley went to the ship with a detachment of marines quite awhile after I was attached to the vessel. I noticed him particularly as soon as he came aboard—not so much that he was a tall, broad shouldered, fine looking chap, who completely outclassed the bunch he joined with in appearance and bearing, as because I saw what his trouble was as soon as I clapped my eye on him. I understood as soon as I made the discovery why Kingsley was wearing the uniform of a buck private in the marine corps. It was because a slavery to which he had become addicted in civil life had rendered him unfit and incompetent to keep up with the procession in civil life.

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it'll be me or the powder. I'll do the best I know. I'll be trying to win, anyhow. Much obliged to you all the same.'

"'Bad job breaking it off all of a sudden,' I told him. 'Dangerous, at that. Yet you're a pretty husky looking fellow. You may beat it.'

"I was pretty skeptical about it, but I didn't want to discourage him. Well, the mudhook came up ten days later, and away we went for Honolulu. We started in the morning. I didn't see Kingsley until along toward night. He looked pretty bad too. I knew that he was making the fight.

"'Kingsley'll be coming to me for the stuff tonight,' I thought. 'He's been taking 30 or 40 grains a day, and he won't be able to stand it. But I'll be beached if it's found out that I've given him a sixteenth of a grain. I'm sorry for Kingsley, but I wouldn't be able to help him out.'

"Well, Kingsley didn't come to me until along toward 2 o'clock on the following morning.

"'Just an injection,' he whispered to me hoarsely. 'I'm going insane.'

"I couldn't, and I told Kingsley so as decently as I could. It hurt me to turn him down, but I couldn't take the chance. He shuddered all over and staggered out of my little storeroom.

"Right for'ard of my storeroom was the storeroom of Wang Woo, the skipper's steward. Wang, of course, hit the pipe. Most Chinamen in the navy do in the midnight privacy of their storerooms, but no official notice is taken of that. It's looked upon as part of the Chinaman's game. Well, Kingsley stumbled into Wang Woo's storeroom. Woo was cooking himself a pill in the dark. I heard Kingsley beg the Chink for a little of the gummy stuff, offering to give up a month's wages for it. Woo passed him up, and Kingsley stumbled forward, almost mad, as he had a right to be. He'd already have been insane had it not been for his great natural strength.

"At 9 o'clock that morning, the hour of sick call, I saw Kingsley come down the after ladder, looking frightful. His face was drawn to a knot from his sufferings. One of the gun divisions was breaking out the after magazines, the hatches to which were right at the foot of the after ladders. The hatches were wide open. Kingsley, coming down the after ladder, saw that they were open. But Wang Woo, coming around from the wardroom at a little lope to answer the call of the skipper's messenger above, was looking aloft through the main hatch to see the messenger boy, and he didn't see the open magazine hatches. Well, he had one foot already over one of the hatches and was just about to plunge to the bottom of the fixed ammunition magazine when the collar of his blouse was gripped by the hand of a man whose muscles were like iron. I mean Kingsley. Kingsley raised Wang Woo bodily to the ladder steps. Wang Woo almost fainted when he saw the danger he had been in, but he smiled blandly at Kingsley, and Kingsley followed him into the Chinaman's storeroom.

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Australian Gold.

Gold-mining in Australia is growing at a rapid rate, the increase in production being largely in Western Australia and Queensland. In 1890 the total gold produced in the island continent was 1,587,947 ounces and last year Western Australia alone produced almost the exact amount, while the total production was 4,171,841 ounces. The total value in gold produced in 1890 was $29,171,667, and in 1900 it was $70,185,057.

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"'Have you noticed that marine, apothecary?' he asked me.

"'Yes, sir,' I replied.

"'Hum! I'm glad to be corroborated, yet I was sure I couldn't have been mistaken,' said the surgeon. 'Better have an extra eye to your store of morphia. Keep it under cover.'

"However, Kingsley didn't become incapable. He was an admirable soldier of the sea. He was always right on the minute, a top notcher on guard duty, a spick and span man always. The marine officer in charge of the guard never, of course, suspected that there was anything wrong about Kingsley, and he thought so much of the man's faithfulness that he had him made a corporal a couple of months after Kingsley joined us. Kingsley was always under the influence of the drug of course. He never ran out of the stuff. You know how morphine slaves provide against that awful contingency. He kept on edge all the time and never appeared to overshoot his limit. Kingsley surely was a man of powerful self control in that respect. However, I knew that it would get him in time and throw him. It always does throw its victims if they give it rope enough, you know, and morphine is one of those things that just demands all the rope it wants.

"Kingsley knew by intuition that I knew about his habit, and he avoided me very elaborately. One noon hour, however, I happened to be smoking a pipe at the gangway. Kingsley was looking out over the beautiful harbor of Acapulco in his dreamy, dopy way—his way, that is to say, when he was off duty. Well, I edged over to Kingsley. We were quite apart from the rest of the men.

"'Bucko,' said I in as kindly a way as I could—I felt sorry for Kingsley, who was most obviously a gentleman—'you want to cut it out. You do for a fact. It'll nail you. It's a game you can't beat. Nobody can beat it. I can reduce you gradually—eighth of a grain a day. Better let me take hold of you. It'll be on the quiet.'

"'That's good of you, pal,' replied Kingsley, never taking his eyes away from the horizon to look at me. 'I won't forget it. But I've tried reducing before. I am going to make the fight alone. I'm going to bang on if it kills me. Death is only a little thing, anyhow, compared to this slavery. When we hike away from here for the islands next week, I'm going to heave all I've got of the stuff over the side. Then

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"A Chinaman'll always make good for favors received."—Washington Star.

The Flight of a Great Nebula.

One of the most striking spectacles revealed by telescopes is that of the Great Nebula in Orion. In the complexity of its glowing streams, spirals and strangely shaped masses, intercepted by yawning black gaps and sprinkled over with stars arranged in suggestive groups and lines, it has few rivals in the heavens. The impression of astonishment made by the sight of this nebula is heightened by knowledge of its enormous size. The entire solar system would appear as a tiny speck beside it. Yet this tremendous aggregation of nebulous clouds and starry swarms has been proved by the researches of the late Professor Keeler of the Lick observatory to be flying away from the earth and the sun at the rate of 11 miles in every second! But so vast is its distance that 100 years reveals no visual effects of the great nebula's swift retreat. If it were near by, it would seem to become rapidly smaller.—Youth's Companion.

A Priceless Idol.

It is part of the creed of Mohammedans to smash the noses of all idols they may come across. When they invaded India, they defaced in this way every Hindoo god. A figure of Vishnu cut in green jade was buried in the bed of the Ganges during this invasion and is now preserved in a temple in Benares. It is the only perfect image left of all the old idols, and its sanctity is such that the priests at Allahabad have offered for it its weight in gold, together with two magnificent rubies, formerly the eyes of Buddha. But they cannot buy it.

Too Generous With Advice.

Some persons keep advice for gratuitous distribution and give it at such length and with such energy that all free agency seems lost to the one addressed. A well bred reticence should be exercised both in asking questions and offering advice respecting every one's natural desire for independent thought and action. The elders are apt to dogmatize, expecting their views to be accepted without question, forgetting that their correctness is not so evident to those whose minds have not passed through the same process.—Ladies' Home Journal.

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An Embarrassment of Rulers.

"What's the matter, Bobby?"

"Gra'ma, they's too many folks a-bringin me up. I'd get along better if I on'y had you."—Indianapolis Journal.

Appropriate Shades.

A party of Americans were sitting on the upper deck of a Rhine river boat enjoying the charming scenery. One was reading aloud from a guidebook about the various castles as they came into view. Just as the boat was passing one of the finest old buildings a woman in the party exclaimed to her companions: "Why, that old castle is inhabited. See, there are blinds at the windows."

"No," said a man standing by her side; "those are the shades of their ancestors."

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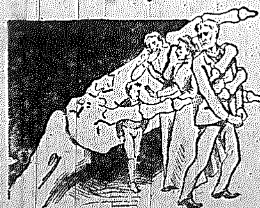

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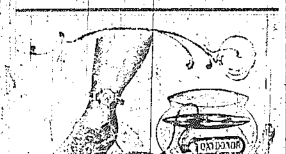

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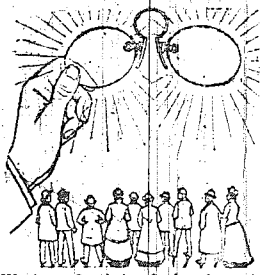

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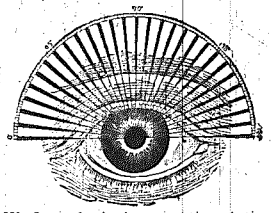

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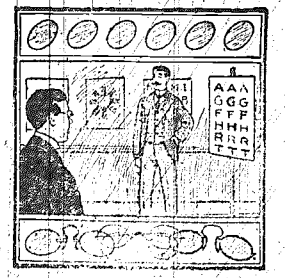

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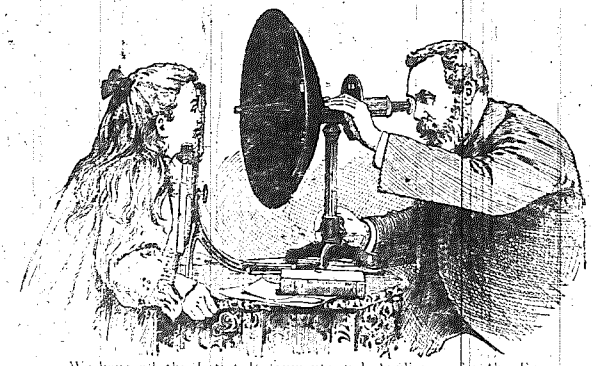

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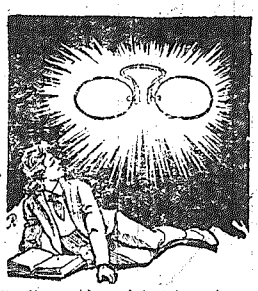

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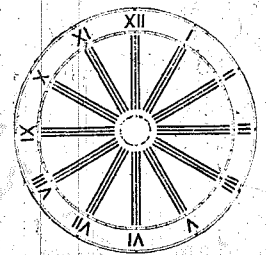

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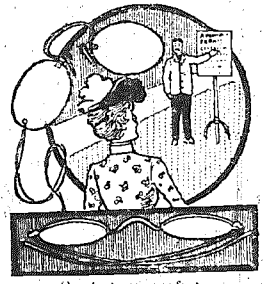

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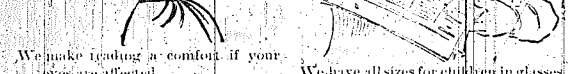

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Ladysmith, March 26.—Gen. French, with Dormer's and Pulteney's columns, arrived here today, having killed, wounded or captured 1,200 Boers. They have also taken seven cannon, 1,000 wagons, 1,000 prisoners, and 25,000 head of cattle and sheep.

London, March 26.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the Mail writes: The surrender of an army is with Kruger, when he found his most optimistic friends convinced of his defeat. Johannesburg's victory over Delarey has been Kruger's thought, exaggerated in the reports. He said the Magaliesberg range and Rustenberg were again in possession of the Boers and the old guerrilla game would continue until England had been forced into making peace overtures.

The Express prints a rumor that Sir Alfred Milner is dissatisfied with his qualified authority, and has asked the government to give him either a free hand or no hand. Mr. Chamberlain is said to have replied that it would not be advisable to discuss the authority of Sir Alfred Milner from that of Gen. Kitchener. The rumor goes that Sir Alfred contemplates resigning.

A $50.00 RACE.

Lumbermen Relieved the Monotony of Bush Life by a Race on the Ice.

From Our Correspondent.

For some weeks (just two, mem—) Messrs. Frank Cutter and Peter Williams, employed by one local tie and log contractors, on the Lake of the Woods, have been anxious to have a foot race, both, according to their talk, having completed and come out victorious in a good many races in places and towns, which when named, we have failed to locate in our upson geographies. Each claimed superiority over the other, and consequently a good many hours were spent in what is commonly called chewing the rag about it. It was settled that each should put up $50 a side (a), and St. Patrick's day, was agreed upon to have the race, viz., 100 yard dash. A small purse was also put up by some of the boys around camp which made the race all the more interesting. Early Sunday morning both contestants were out getting into condition for the race, and looking over the course, it being an ice road, and both being satisfied with the track, arrangements were made for an official starter and judges. The following gentlemen were chosen and agreed to by all as the most competent: Starter, Patrick O'Connor; judges, Roy Matheson and Jas. Bunting. Promptly at 8 o'clock the principals and officials were on the ice ready for business. Mr. O'Connor taking the men over the course and giving them instructions as to the signal for the start, it being, one, two, go! After a couple of false starts they were let go, Mr. Cutter being the winner by about one and a half paces.

As the camp is situated near the Indian villages on the lake, and as all were aware of the race taking place, quite a number of the braves with a goodly following of the fair sex of this nationality were present to cheer their favorites on to victory. I might say that Mr. Cutter seemed to be the favorite, although betting was slow. After the race all present were given a piece of green silk ribbon to wear, in honor of Ireland's patron saint, by one of the young ladies present.

In the meantime Williams takes his defeat cheerfully, but claims that he was not feeling as well as he might have felt, and therefore was not in condition for the race, and substantiates his opinion by offering to double the wager to race Cutter again, from 100 yards dash up to 1 to 5 miles, on any road or race track the other likes to choose, but not until the snow has gone, as he has never run on ice before, and prefers trying again on terra firma. Frank naturally feels jubilant over his victory, so much so in fact that shortly after, he left for a trip to Rainy River to enjoy a few days rest. He also considers that he holds the championship of the Lake of the Woods, now and forever, if not of the world, for 100 yards.

Seeing that Rat Portage is advancing with such rapid strides in the sporting world, by having the champion oarsman of the world, champion one mile skater, and also intermediate hockey champions, Mr. Cutter thinks that with a little practice he can also give Rat Portage the honor of having a champion sprinter. The time made in the race was not taken through some oversight on the part of the officials, as also no one ever thought of the 100 yard dash record being broken by one of the boys up the lake.

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Mrs. William Surgent, Petrolia, Ont., says: "Your Diamond Dyes are the best I have ever used, and they have done splendid work for me. In a short time Diamond Dyes saved me ten dollars, so that I think they deserve a good word. My friends, to whom I have shown my dyed goods, say that Diamond Dyes make old things look like new. The richest woman in our town, after seeing my work, has become a user of your Dyes. I thank you for such valuable money-savers as Diamond Dyes."

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No Flies In Skyscrapers.

"If I was a bald-headed man I would get me an office on one of the upper floors of the tallest skyscraper in town," remarked an attorney. "Why? Because I'd never have to brush a fly from my hairless pate. Flies stay near the ground, seldom getting more than 30 or 40 feet above it. The only flies you get in a skyscraper are the ones that stray up through the interior of the building, and they are mighty few. You will find them on the lower floors, but just keep your eyes open when you are in high buildings, you'll see mighty few of the little pests above the third or fourth floors."

Hired by the Hour.

When Remenyi, the famous violinist, was a young man, he was engaged by a parvenu to play at a dinner, the agreement stating that he was to furnish music from 8 o'clock to 11. He began with an andante movement from Mozart, a composition which opens very low and soft.

The host turned to his guests. "That's just like these musicians," he said. "I hired him by the hour, and see how slow he plays."

The Other Man's View of It.

Little Willie Pa, what's a tinkerer?

Pa—A tinkerer, my son, is a man who is capable of inducing other men to pile up a fortune for him.

The wood of the redwood tree never decays. It is said, and fallen trunks which have been overgrown by old forests are as solid as the day they fell.

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As to Strikes.

"What's the matter with that man?" asked the clock. "He doesn't seem to have anything to do, but wind me up."

"No," replied the calendar; "he isn't working. He and his companions struck some time ago."

"Huh! Suppose I should stop working every time I struck?"

"That's so, but I notice it freshens me up every time he takes a month off."

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Mr. James Clark, Consecon, Prince Edward County, Ont., states:—"Eleven years ago I was taken with pains in my back, settling in my hips and extending up my spine. The pain was very severe, and at times almost unencurable, and many days I was not able to do an hour's work. Though I had consulted many first-class physicians and tried several advertised medicines, I could get no relief. At this time my father-in-law told me to try Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and said he knew they would cure me. I secured one box and great was my surprise when I began to feel better. I continued their use until I had taken about four boxes, which made me a sound man. I have recommended them to a number of my friends and have never met with one case where they did not meet with good success. My daughter, Mrs. Chas. Phillips, has also been cured of a severe stomach trouble by the use of these pills. One pill a dose. 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto, Ont.

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NOTICE.

THE Canadian Northern Railway Company will apply to have added to its Bill before the Parliament of Canada, at its present session the necessary provisions confirming a contract dated 11th February, 1901, made between the Company and the Government of Manitoba, relating to the lease of certain railways in Manitoba now being operated by the Northern Pacific Railway Company and providing for the carrying out of such contract and relating to the guarantee by the said Government of certain bonds of the Company, and to other matters and providing for the acquisition of said railways for the consideration in said lease mentioned.

Dated March 7th, 1901.

J. M. SMITH, Secretary.

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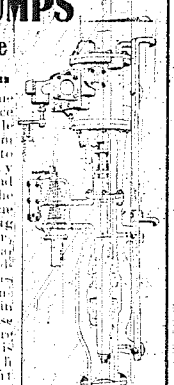

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Items of Local Interest

W. B. McNamara, J. Fyfe and Geo. Strachan, of Toronto, were registered at the Hilliard on Wednesday.

Mr. Lynch, who has been in charge of one of D.L. Mather's camps at Vermilion bay, returned home on Wednesday.

J. Fisher, T. Anderson, F. Young and B. Watt returned from Vermilion bay.

S.J.W. McLeod, western manager of the Standard Life Co., is in town.

Phil Austin returned from a business trip to Port Arthur and Fort William on Wednesday.

J. Gaudaur is visiting friends in Winnipeg and St. Boniface.

Dan Johnson, of Gilbert, one of the Old Timers, is a guest at the Russell House.

A train load of settlers went through for the west yesterday.

The chess players were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Johnson, Julia St., on Tuesday evening and were given a most delightful time. After a series of games refreshments were served in a style which tempted the most fastidious.

The W.C.T.U. will hold their regular business meeting in the Odd Fellows hall on Monday afternoon April 1st at 3.30 o'clock. A full meeting is requested as business of importance is to be considered.

A. Carmichael returned home from Toronto yesterday. While in the east he was associated with the New Ontario delegates in directing attention to this favored land. He has been interviewed, talked at, and cartooned. The Toronto Star has a picture with the name "Angus Carmichael" under it, as he appeared on his after-dinner stroll around the Rossin House corridors. The attitude is alright, including hat, spectacles and havana. His association with D.F. Burke and the

Jas. Bow, formerly inspector of mines for this district, left last evening for Sault Ste Marie.

Stod Foneri and partner went out to Eagle lake Wednesday evening, to further develop the Baden Powell location.

Alan Sullivan arrived in town from his trip to the Anglo-Canadian Gold Estates property at Seine river, yesterday.

N. C. Westerfield, of St. Paul, who has been in the district during the past week, returned home yesterday morning. He was here in the interests of the Westerfield Investment Co., and has been looking over a number of their properties. The company is in splendid condition, and it is their intention to develop several of their prospects during the coming summer. The syndicate has been quietly purchasing properties during the past year, and they are now probably the largest holders of gold mining prospects in Western Ontario.

Jno. Williams, of Kingston, is registered at the Hilliard.

G. o. Grills, of Belleville, is registered at the Hilliard.

Ed. Dougherty, of the Stella, is in town.

D. Caswell, of the Mikado, is registered at the Russell.

T. R. Deacon went out to the Mikado on Wednesday.

Jno. Dean left for Port Arthur and Fort William last night on a business trip.

Messrs. Otto Taubert, M. V. Clapp and Kelsey Chase, of St. Paul, have been here this week looking after their mining interests.

Wm. Gordon came in from the Sakoose mine yesterday, having been called home by the death of his father.

Frederic Villiers, the noted war correspondent and artist, will lecture under the auspices of St. George's society in the Opera house on Saturday night. Do not neglect to hear him.

H. A. Guess left last night for the Sakoose mine.

Mrs. J. C. Burns left on a visit to the east on Wednesday.

Mrs. Jno. Storey left on Wednesday to visit her old home in Lindsay, Ontario.

The British remount agent will visit the Northwest to purchase Canadian cavalry horses.

The Toronto board of trade has approved of the Ontario government assisting railroads in New Ontario.

The Ontario government will erect a $200,000 practical science building in connection with Toronto university.

A meeting of the Conservative association will be held this evening in the Fulherton hall.

Mr. Langford's condition has been much improved yesterday and today.

THE BEST FRIEND OF THE MOTHER, WIFE AND DAUGHTER.

Paine's Celery Compound

J. A. McCrossan, census commissioner, left last evening for Port Arthur to instruct the enumerators at that end of the district.

G.A. Morton, of Fort William, one of the assistant census commissioners, was in town this week.

Capt. Dan McGauley, of Little Current, left for Rat Portage to take charge of a tug.—Sault Star.

G.P. Phillips, steamboat inspector, was in Port Arthur for a couple of days this week.

A small blaze at the home of Mr. Armstrong, Gold St., brought out the fire brigade this afternoon. The fire was extinguished in a few minutes. The loss will be slight.

THEY SLEEP HANGING UP.

Sloths and Bats Suspend Themselves Without Exertion.

There is one animal which lives entirely in trees, but is able to maintain its position during slumber without the least exercise of muscular force. This is the sloth, common in the forests of tropical America. Its long claws are so bent that they hook over the branches and allow the creature to hang upside down like an animated hammock. Curiously enough, the hammock appears to be a South American invention and is universally employed by all the Indian tribes of the Amazons. Perhaps the primitive human dwellers in this region took to sleeping in hammocks after observing the habits of the sloth.

The great ant eater, which is both a kinsman and fellow countryman of the sloth, has an enormous tail, which it uses in a very remarkable manner. I recently saw two of these strange animals lying together asleep, and they had arranged their tails so cleverly that their whole bodies were hidden from view. Moreover, it was evident that this caudal covering would afford excellent protection from the weather, for the central solid part of the tails acted as a kind of ridgepole over the highest part of the sleepers' bodies, so that the long fringes of hair sloped downward on each side like the thatch upon a roof.

Like the sloths, many kinds of bats sleep suspended by their hooked claws without any muscular exertion whatever. Some of the large fruit eating bats of the tropics, which do not sleep in holes like the species common in southern latitudes, but which hang suspended to the branches of trees in the open air, adopt a position which it would be difficult to beat for economy and comfort. Gould's fruit eating bat, common in the warmer parts of Australia, suspends itself upside down by one hind foot and wraps its body in the tentlike folds of its wing membranes, which extend right down to the ankles. Its shoulders, to which the membrane is attached, are humped up so as to act as eaves to shoot off the rain, and when asleep it draws its head under their shelter and nestles its nose among the warm fur of its chest.

SAVED BY PALMISTRY.

Tattered Individual Proves His Case by Showing His Hands.

"Reasoning from antecedent probability," said the justice to a prisoner with a soppy hat and a turned down mouth, "I would say that when this policeman accuses you of being a tramp he is speaking with a high regard for the truth."

"Knocking little shout logic," the be-

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Novel Risks Granted by Up to Date English Companies.

It was stated recently as a fact of novel and material interest that it was now possible to insure for the contingency of being the father of twins. And so it is. You can also insure prospective triplets. But that is a small matter compared to the queer risks insurance companies are taking every day. Anything, from the vicissitudes of playing a fast bowler on a kicking wicket to the chance of an heir changing his religious tenets, is now a subject for an insurance policy.

"We insure people against the possibility of any calamity, whatever it may be," said Mr. Armstrong of the Ocean Accident Insurance company to a Mail representative.

"Frequently we are asked to insure against a man changing his name. Say somebody leaves a property to John Smith on condition that he takes the name and style of Howard Montmorency Vandeleur. He wants to borrow money on his property. The lender declines to advance the money on the ground that he has no guarantee that Vandeleur won't return to being called Smith. We insure the lender against that contingency, and Vandeleur (nee Smith) gets his money.

"Another type of case is an insurance against the discovery of a missing man. A prodigal son leaves home for his country's good, and nobody knows where he is. His father, years later, leaves his property to be divided equally among his children. The trustee of the will finds himself in a difficulty. The prodigal may return from his bisks, and then the other heirs will have had more than their share. We insure the trustee against the prodigal's return.

"Not long ago we insured a mortgagee against the mortgageor's marrying outside the faith, because such a marriage would have cost the mortgageor his property."—London Mail.

A BITE IN THE DARK.

The Young Man Liked Jelly, and He Filled His Mouth.

A young man whose work keeps him down town until the early morning hours usually reaches home with a sharp appetite. His mother, an indulgent mother, too, puts a little lunch out where he can get it, but this frequently fails to satisfy him. His wise parent knows this, and she saves the larder from a wholesale onslaught by locking things up.

Now, if there is one thing in particular that this youth dotes upon it is jelly. But jelly is an article of food that takes time and skill in its preparation, and if the lady left her jelly jars at his disposal—well, there would be none to dispose of after a few mornings. So the jelly is locked up the tightest of all.

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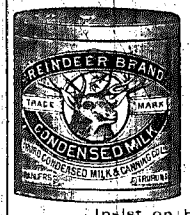

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Cooking Utensils.

Old Timers at a great at the Russell House.

A train load of settlers went through for the west yesterday.

The chess players were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Johnson, Julia St., on Tuesday evening and were given a most delightful time. After a series of games refreshments were served in a style which tempted the most fastidious.

The W.C.T.U. will hold their regular business meeting in the Odd Fellows hall on Monday afternoon April 1st at 3.30 o'clock. A full meeting is requested as business of importance is to be considered.

A. Carmichael returned home from Toronto yesterday. While in the east he was associated with the New Ontario delegates in directing attention to this favored land. He has been interviewed, talked it, and cartooned The Toronto Star has a picture with the name "Angus Carmichael" under it, as he appeared on his after-dinner stroll around the Rossin House corridors. The attitude is alright, including hat, spectacles and havana. His association with D.F. Burke and the other fellows may also have produced that expression which goes with a glad hand.

Mrs. Cardinal, of Rat Portage, who has been in the St. Boniface hospital for the past four weeks, has sufficiently recovered to leave the hospital and will return to Rat Portage in a couple of days.—Winnipeg Free Press.

Jas. Grose, of the T. A. Davidson barber shop, has purchased the business in the Courtney billiard hall.

Jacob Hose has one Whole Second-hand Steel Range for sale cheap. It is in good repair. 2-30

C. Botsford, of Toronto, has been spending the past week in town.

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The Provincial board of trade has approved of the Ontario government assisting railroads in New Ontario.

The Ontario government will erect a $200,000 practical science building in connection with Toronto university.

A meeting of the Conservative association will be held this evening in the Fullerton hall.

Mr. Langford's condition has been much improved yesterday and today.

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The Great Spring Medicine That Restores Ailing Females to Perfect Health.

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Mrs. R. Adamson, Head of Millstream, Kings Co., N. B., says:

"I feel it a duty to briefly testify regarding the value of Paine's Celery Compound. Since childhood I suffered from sick headaches, neuralgia and constipation. Had attacks once a week which kept me confined to bed. Have been treated by a number of physicians without beneficial results. I procured six bottles of Paine's Celery Compound which was strongly recommended to me, and after a short time I found that new life and health coming that I so long wished for. Two years have passed and I have not had a return of my old troubles. I can never say too much in favor of Paine's Celery Compound."

SAVED BY PALMISTRY.

Tattered Individual Proves His Case by Showing His Hands.

"Reasoning from antecedent probability," said the justice to a prisoner with a soppy hat and a turned down mouth, "I would say that when this policeman accuses you of being a tramp he is speaking with a high regard for the truth."

"Knowing little about logic," the defendant replied, "I am unable to say whether I am guilty on that proof. But by palmistry I am innocent. My life line is good, my capacity for hard work is simply astonishing, and my confidence in my own ability is superb."

"Score one for palmistry. Now hold up your hands."

They went up.

"I can't tell whether you have worked by the looks of those hands," said the justice. "But in the interest of the spread of knowledge I will digress and say to you that an article known as soap was invented some years ago."

"Never heard of it," said the prisoner cheerfully, "and I know just as much about my guilt or innocence as I do about soap. You might try me by a jury of my peers."

"Your peers are too busy telling fairy tales to bartenders on this muggy morning to come out to help the ends of justice. The dollar they'd get for jury service would make them die of heart disease."

"A doctor told me I'd never have that," the prisoner said.

"I'm not intensely interested in the state of your health," the justice said coldly. "I don't know whether you're a tramp, and neither do you. I am inclined to the opinion that you are, but I guess no policeman will arrest you between here and the corner."

The prisoner made the trial trip successfully and was seen no more.

Practice.

Parke—I never saw a child with such a remarkable memory for names as mine has.

Lane—How do you account for it?

Parke—Think of the nurses she has had!

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pended to the branches of trees in the open air, adopt a position which it would be difficult to beat for economy and comfort. Gould's fruit eating bat, common in the warmer parts of Australia, suspends itself upside down by one hind foot and wraps its body in the tentlike folds of its wing membranes, which extend right down to the ankles. Its shoulders, to which the membrane is attached, are humped up so as to act as eaves to shoot off the rain, and when asleep it draws its head under their shelter and nestles its nose among the warm fur of its chest.

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He drew out a generous quantity and carefully spread it on the bread. He had to do it largely by guesswork, because the cellar was almost totally dark. When the spreading was done, he smacked his lips lightly and took a generous bite.

No, it wasn't jelly; it was soft soap.

The Lark's Song.

A writer on "The Wonders of the Spring" says that the volume of sound produced by the skylark is most wonderful. "The lark ascends until it appears no larger than a midge and can with difficulty be seen by the unaided eye, and yet every note of its song will be clearly audible to persons who are fully half a mile from the nest over which the bird utters its song.

"Moreover, it never ceases to sing for a moment, a feat which seems wonderful to us human beings, who find that a song of six or seven minutes in length, though interspersed with rests and pauses, is more than trying. Yet this bird will pour out a continuous song of nearly 20 minutes in length and all the time has to support itself in the air by the constant use of its wings."

A Business Proposition.

Now, here is a poet who is practical enough. He hails from Dooly county, and it will be seen from his letter that he means business. He writes:

"I have wrote a poem about 100 yards long, as nigh as I kin guess. It took me six months an two hours to write it. I ain't no judge of these things, an what I want to know is where I kin hire a good man to rend it for me an tell me what it is. To sich a man I will pay $1 a day till he gits through, only he mustn't take too long!"

Up to Date "Specialist."

Doctor—I put mirrors in my waiting rooms instead of magazines.

Friend—How does it work?

Doctor—Fine. People are so fond of looking at themselves that they come early so as to have a chance to wait.—Town Topics.

The Boy and the Professor.

"I was mimicking Professor Bore yesterday, and he caught me."

"What did he say?"

"Told me to stop making a fool of myself."—Chicago Chronicle.

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The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

The property may be inspected.

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Dated at Rat Portage, this 11th day of March, 1901.

D. A. PENDER,
Accountant, Rat Portage, Ont.,
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2 $50.00 Coal Heaters (self-feeding) $10.00 each.

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NOTICE.

THE Canadian Northern Railway Company will apply to have added to its Bill before the Parliament of Canada at its present session the necessary provisions confirming a contract dated 11th February, 1901, made between the Company and the Government of Manitoba, relating to the lease of certain railways in Manitoba now being operated by the Northern Pacific Railway Company and providing for the carrying out of such contract and relating to the guarantee by the said Government of certain bonds of the Company, and to other matters and providing for the acquisition of said railways for the consideration in said lease mentioned.

Dated March 7th, 1901.

J. M. SMITH,
Secretary.

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